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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJECT: POLICE FIRING IN NEW DELHI

1. ON APRIL 19 GROUPS OF MUSLIMS PROTESTING THE FIVE-DAY-OLD DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS IN A MUSLIM SECTION OF OLD DELHI (ASAF ALI ROAD NEAR THE RAM LILA GROUND) CLASHED WITH POLICE. THE CROWD BEGAN THROWING STONES AND, ACCORDING TO SOME SOURCES, FIRING WEAPONS AT THE DEMOLITION SQUAD AND ACCOMPANYING POLICE. THE POLICE RESORTED TO TEAR GAS AND THEN TO FIRING. AN EYEWITNESS REPORTED THAT SIX OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE KILLED AND TWO POLICE WERE EITHER KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED. AN EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE VISITING THE AREA WHERE THE FIRING TOOK PLACE REPORTS THAT THE DEMOLITION IS CONTINUING ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DOZEN PLICE ARE PRESENT AND A CURFEW IS IN EFFECT. CITY LIFE AND TRAFFIC IN ADJOINING NEIGHBORHOODS AND OTHER PARTS OF OLD DELHI APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING NORMAL PATTERNS.

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2. OUR SOURCES ON THE INCIDENT STATE THAT RECENT MOVES BY

THE DELHI ADMINISTRATION TO INTENSIFY STERILIZATION EFFORTS  
(SOME OLD DELHI MUSLIM RESIDENTS TELL US BY FORCE) HAS  
CREATED RESENTMENT AMONG THE MUSLIM POPULATION OF DELHI.  
THIS RESENTMENT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LED TO THE VIOLENCE  
WHICH PRECIPITATED THE FIRING. AN APRIL 19 PUBLIC WARNING  
BY DELHI LT. GOVERNOR KRISHAN CHAND UNDERSCORED THE TENSION  
THAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THE DELHI ADMINISTRA-  
TION'S STERILIZATION DRIVE. "I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR BEYOND  
DOUBT THAT IF ANY OBSTRUCTION IS CAUSED TO THE DOCTORS,  
THE NURSES OR THE PERSONNEL...ENGAGED IN PROMOTING THE  
FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM, VERY DRASTIC ACTION WILL BE TAKEN  
AGAINST THE OFFENDING PERSONS."  
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